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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. This is to certify that Sri Nikhil Pant, Principal Consultant and Chief Development Officer, REACHA (Research & Extension Association for Conservation Horticulture & Agro-Forestry), New Delhi has been working very closely with us in the setting up of, and operations at, the Chinar 9 Jawan Club, Baramulla, Kashmir since February 2016. Chinar 9 Jawan Club, Baramulla is a vocational skill development and livelihood enhancement centre fully run by us, for the welfare of Kashmiri youth. Here, various guidance courses etc. are carried out for youths from the region for furtherance of their education, vocation and cultural values. REACHA, under leadership of Sri Nikhil Pant, has been instrumental in the success of this centre since 2016, with more than 1000 youth having already been benefitted by their support. Their efforts have significantly contributed to strengthening the measures as part of peaceful measures for counter insurgency in Kashmir, by providing skill development training/guidance courses to the youth in the region and assisting them and their families in getting jobs/livelihood enhancement. They have also been instrumental in raising resources and implementing the Uri Rehabilitation Project in FY 2017-18 wherein four houses that were destroyed during counter insurgency were well restored and handed back to the community near the Pakistan Border in Uri. This effort hugely strengthened our positive relationship with local Kashmiri communities and thereby contributed to enhancing national security and integration. Since 2019, REACHA is also supporting army to run its Drug De-Addiction Center at Baramulla, where more than a 1000 Kashmiri youth are being rehabilitated in a year.

2. Sri Nikhil Pant continue to provide this assistance himself and through the professional and dedicated REACHA team. He visits Baramulla regularly and interacts with the local community, the youth and with us as part of his work from REACHA. To ensure success and continuity of our efforts, he also engages closely with Corporates to raise funds/resources for projects of the Chinar 9Jawan Cub, Baramulla through Corporate Social Responsibility, and

to facilitate jobs/livelihood opportunities for the trained youth. So far, he has assisted us in raising CSR resources from Corporates like ONGC, Genpact and Aptech for the above projects.

3. I would like to thank Sri Nikhil Pant and REACHA under his leadership for supporting us in this Nation Building initiative that is contributing immensely with visible and sustained positive impact in the region, thereby making the Indian nation stronger, better developed and more secure. In Baramulla impact has been immense, and militancy is now under more control.

4. We wish Sri Nikhil Pant all success for future endeavours as well and sincerely hope that our association with REACHA and him continues in future as well.

Keep up the good work,

All the very best

